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Herbert Hoover Wants U.S. To Defend Taiwan

USE NAVAL POWER, IF NECESSARY

Situation Is "Urgent Now"

Washington, Jan. 2.—Mr Herbert Hoover, former United States President, today urged that the United States should defend Formosa and raise "a wall against Communism in the Pacific."

He made his recommendation in a letter to Senator William F. Knowland, Republican, leader of a Congressional bloc urging full American support for the Chinese Nationalists to halt Communism in China.

He said he believed strongly that the United States should use her naval power, if necessary, to safeguard Formosa, the Pescadores Islands, between Formosa and the Chinese mainland, and possibly Hainan Island, off the South China coast.

America should also refuse recognition of the Chinese Communists and continue recognition and support of the Nationalists. His proposals should be followed to prevent Chinese Legations and Consulates in the United States and other countries becoming "nests of Communist conspiracies," and to prevent a Communist China becoming a permanent member of the United Nations Security Council, Mr Hoover said.

Mr Hoover's letter was in answer to Senator Knowland's request for his views on the China situation. Senator Knowland, releasing the letter, told reporters that the State Department had failed to give the press and public all the facts about the Formosa situation. He said that the Nationalist Government had already made an official request for American military and naval aid in defending Formosa.

He said that next month's meeting of the American Joint Chiefs of Staff and General Douglas MacArthur, Supreme Commander in Japan, when America's Far East policy is expected to be reviewed, might result in a post-mortem rather than a consultation to help the patient.

"SICK PATIENT"
The China and Formosa situation was "urgent now," he said.

"The patient is sick and needs oxygen and penicillin," he added.

The latest unconfirmed report amid a flood of rumours and speculation, is one quoting official sources as saying that a proposal had been submitted to Mr Truman under which American would supply arms to the Chinese Nationalists in exchange of Formosa and other islands for American bases there.

But the most responsible of observers here thought that there would be no sudden, dramatic change in American policy on the general China question.

Efforts to trace the original source of the proposal failed.

Senator Knowland said that he had not heard of this plan until he read a press report.

He could see no reason why the United States should ask for bases in return for aid as the Chinese Nationalists were entitled to military help on the same basis as the North Atlantic Pact countries.

The Knowland bloc has its own "formula" for Formosa under which the United States would join Nationalist occupation authorities and forces there.

They want Formosa to be safeguarded for use as part of the line for continental American defence.

IMPORTANT FACTOR
The important factor overlooked in most speculations about United States action in the east.

Facing an economic-minded Congress intent on drastic cuts in foreign aid the Administration is unlikely to rush into any plan calling for substantial increases in military expenditure and economic support.

Even the spokesman for a Formosa joint occupation admit that cost is a factor requiring the closest examination.

Mr Knowland tonight challenged a statement by the State Department's press officer, Mr Michael McDermott, that "no formal request" had been made for the United States to send advisers to Formosa.

Mr McDermott had said he knew of no such request though there had been "approaches" from various sources.

Mr Knowland said that this was an "inaccurate statement" and claimed an official Nationalist request was made on or about December 23.

Democratic leaders in the Senate declined to make any immediate comment on Mr Hoover's letter.—Reuter.

BRITISH ATTITUDE
London, Jan. 2.—Britain's decision to recognise the Chinese Communist Government has remained unaffected by the recent press discussion of increased American aid for the Chinese Nationalists in Taiwan. It was learned authoritatively today.

British recognition before the end of this week is now forecast in usually well-informed quarters.

While no one in London seems quite clear whether the many press reports from Washington last weekend of greater American support for the Nationalists in Taiwan resulted

from an indirect leak or were intended to test opinion, officials here continue to insist that they know of no change in the American policy.

Observers here tend to draw the conclusion that, however large or small the American help for the defence of Taiwan may be expected to be, the administrations in London and Washington intend to prevent an appearance of Anglo-American tension.

American aid for the Nationalists will be discreet rather than sensational and will be the natural consequence of continued recognition by Washington of the Chiang Kai-shek government.

NOTHING AWKWARD
It is taken for granted here that there will be no awkward situation such as would result from an extreme move like an American occupation of Taiwan at the moment of the British recognition of the Peking Communist Government.

The Chinese Nationalists are in any case still in a position to draw very considerable military supplies from the United States under aid already granted.

It is also noted here that the State Department has not denied that unofficially the Administration has been asked to supply advisers for Taiwan.

The impression remains that in the course of this week the British and American policy towards China will diverge, as British extends recognition to the Communists, but that the divergence will be reluctantly tolerated by both Governments which will each seek to minimise any impression of tension.

—Reuter.

Gen. Donovan On Way To Hongkong

Manila, Jan. 3.—Maj-General William "Wild Bill" Donovan (retired), the famous chief of the U.S. Army's Office of Strategic Services in World War II, arrived in Manila by plane today on route to Hongkong on what was believed to be an important official mission.

General Donovan said his visit to Hongkong "is in the interest of the American people and democracy," but he declined to reveal details.

However, a press report quoted him as saying the China situation was not yet hopeless because China had not yet fought and lost a decisive battle against her enemy.

There was speculation here that whatever action the United States might take in the immediate future regarding the China situation would depend on General Donovan's report upon his return to Washington.

—United Press.

CHOW FOR PICKETS



It was chow-time for the Tramway workers' pickets when our staff photographer took this picture during the New Year holidays. The men have been daily picketing the Tramways depot to prevent any of the trams from being operated during the current "lock-out."

AIRSTRIPE BUILT IN HALF-HOUR

Sydney, Jan. 2.—Four men with earth-moving machinery built an airstrip in half an hour so that a flying doctor could pick up a patient.

The airstrip was 800 yards long and 40 yards wide.

L. W. Alderman, Broken Hill flying doctor, received a radioed request to fly out to a tank-shaking plant at Mundal Plains where one of the workmen was ill.

Dr Alderman said he needed a landing field. A promise by the owner of the tank-shaking plant to build a strip in half an hour was kept. Dr Alderman picked up the patient and took him to Broken Hill hospital.—Reuter.

NEW BRITISH AMBASSADOR

London, Jan. 2.—Mr Derwent William Kermode, former British Consul in Japan, has been appointed the first British Ambassador to the United States of Indonesia, the Foreign Office announced tonight.

The announcement said that the King had approved the establishment of an Embassy at Djakarta (Batavia) following the transfer of sovereignty in Indonesia.

Mr Kermode, who is 51, has served at Tokyo, Yokohama, Kobe, Mukden and Seoul (South Korea). In 1944 he was transferred to the Foreign Office and is now in London.—Reuter.

HOLIDAYS TOLL

Chicago, Jan. 2.—The American's New Year holiday weekend cost 281 people their lives in accidents and fires.

Traffic accidents claimed 180 victims. Forty people died in fires and 61 in other accidents.—Reuter.

BIDAULT WINS VOTES OF CONFIDENCE

Paris, Jan. 2.—Premier Georges Bidault tonight blasted his way through three final confidence vote show-downs to win a five-week-old battle with the National Assembly over the 1950 budget. The budget bill providing for record high national spending of 2,225,000,000 francs now goes to France's Upper House, the Council of the Republic.

Voting figures were 300-200 in the first vote, 304-201 in the second and 305-204 in the third vote by which the Assembly

passed on the budget as a whole. Immediately after the result of the voting was made known, it was announced that the Cabinet would meet tomorrow at 10 a.m.

M. Bidault's confidence-vote success in the final showdown was a major victory for the middle of the road government leader over a combined attack from the Communists and a large section of Rightists.

Throughout the budget battle, a rebel group of Conservative Radical Socialists, headed by ex-Premier Edouard Daladier, fought long and stubbornly to prevent the government from imposing any additional taxation.

Crucial Egyptian Election

Cairo, Jan. 2.—Police will stand by from dawn tomorrow to keep order as 5,000,000 Egyptians go to the polls to elect a new and bigger Chamber of Deputies in probably the most crucial election in recent years.

Independent newspapers have been calling for official action to prevent electioneering violence after a bitterly fought campaign in which at least 10 people died in clashes.

The Prime Minister, Hussein Sirry Pasha's "Caretaker" Government increased the number of seats in the Chamber from 260 to 315 before 30-year-old King Farouk dissolved the old House on November 7, 1949.

This was because of Egypt's growing population.

Since the last election in January, 1945, two Prime Ministers have been assassinated — Dr Ahmed Maher, a month after the elections, and Mahmoud Nokrashy Pasha, Socialist Party leader, subsequently.

Egyptians will have a secret ballot but most of the voters — all men over 21 — will have to be shown where to put their cross as they are illiterate. The Government has not granted votes to women in spite of an energetic campaign for equal voting rights for women.

Political observers forecast that the main contestants tomorrow would be the Wafdists and its off-shoot the Sanadists named after Saad Zaghlul Pasha and known as the landlords and big business party.

Political parties in Egypt revolve around personalities. — Reuter.

RED CANDIDATES
London, Jan. 2.—The British Communist Party hopes to have 100 candidates in the forthcoming general election, a Party official stated today.

Mr W. Brooks, National Secretary of the Young Communist League, who is to oppose Mr Winston Churchill at Woodford, Essex, said that so far 98 had been listed.—Reuter.

Although Mr Bidault won the National Assembly stage of the budget battle, the fight has still not ended. The Council of the Republic, now on a two-week New Year vacation, probably will not debate the bill until late January. If the Council rejects it by an absolute majority, the Assembly would have to vote also by absolute majority of 310 of its 610 members to renege it on the second reading.

In all six Assembly confidence votes on the budget, Mr Bidault has never won an absolute majority and it was doubtful whether he could do so on a second reading either.—United Press.

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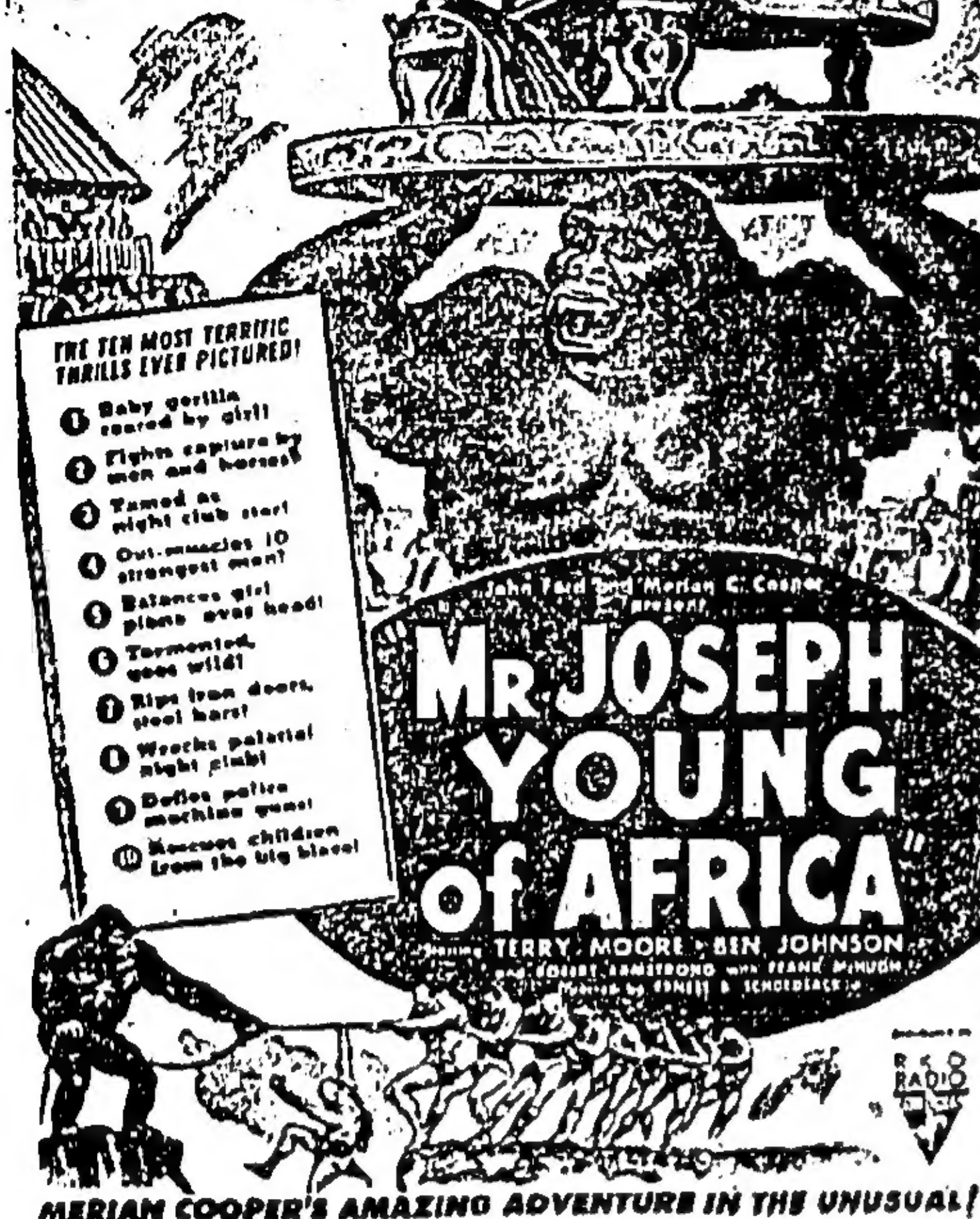
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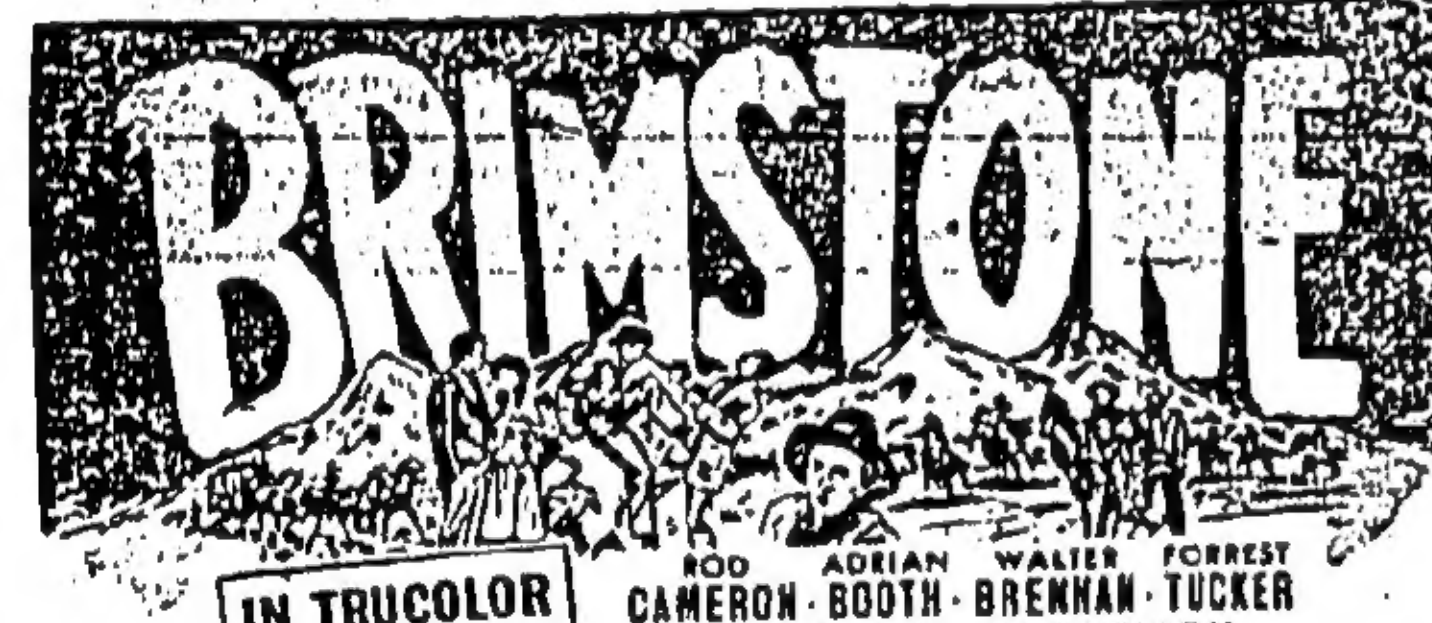
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New Medicine For Skin Diseases

By H. N. BUNDESEN, M.D.

DISORDERS of the skin often prove exceedingly difficult to get rid of, sometimes persisting for years. Many of them are not only disfiguring but extremely uncomfortable as well, especially where itching and scratching have produced infection with germs which keep the skin sore and inflamed.

Hence it is good news to be able to report on a new remedy which seems to be of value in many types of skin conditions. This is an iodine preparation known as chloro-iodo-hydroxy-quinoline. It has long been used in the treatment of amebic dysentery, a disorder of the bowel caused by a parasite. Now the same preparation is proving helpful in the treatment of a variety of skin disorders.

For example, it has been found helpful in infections of the skin where a mild substance is needed to kill bacteria and fungi. In these conditions, which include impetigo, infected finger-nails, and fever blisters, any irritating medicines may make the condition worse.

New Remedy

Many people are afflicted with rashes caused by sensitivity. These rashes are likely to be irritated by the ordinary multipurpose preparations and they often fail to respond to drugs. The new remedy works well here, and also in eczema, particularly if the rash is infected. It has been used in psoriasis, a condition in which there are scaly patches on the limbs, knees and other parts of the body. It is especially useful when the psoriasis is in some area that is easily irritated, and in those cases where there is a great deal of itching.

It would seem that this preparation can be used, together with other forms of treatment, without causing difficulties, except in the case of mercurials or sulfa-containing drugs.

Reactions do not occur. On the other hand, since it contains iodine, it is suggested that it not be used for a long time over large areas in cases where there is a possibility that the patient might be sensitive to iodine. However, such cases are most unusual.

This preparation should not be used except when directed by a physician in cases which he selects.

Household Hints

If you build book shelves, make them several inches deeper than the books you are to put on them to make allowance for air circulation. Never crowd the books on your shelves.

A small hook inside a kitchen cupboard door makes a safe hanger for rings or a wrist watch when you're baking or washing dishes.

Lemon juice, salt and sunshine usually will remove rust marks from white cotton or linen garments.

An American visitor to London recently, the film star Corinne Calvet, wore her hair in a traditional shoulder-bob. Her collar was made of opals.

Paris Designs Special Umbrellas For Travel

Paris, made to obtain lightweights for air travel. In fashions there is a good deal to interest. Leather handles are given big place and some of the most effective have handles which can be described as half-stiff half-supple. They have handles which can slip over the wrist, one side of this wrist loop is rigid, the other half is supple, so that it is less inclined to slip and easier to carry on the wrist.

The model is particularly suited to the small French cars, being slightly shorter than standard height; the leather loops snap around handle and tip and the safety pins are large enough to thrust into the upholstery fabric of the car. Everyone who knows how difficult it is to dispose of an umbrella in a car will appreciate this gadget which enables it to be tucked up under the top of the car out of the way but unsnapped quickly from the loops when needed.

Suited To Travel

A good deal of attention has been paid to transport problems for umbrellas in the show. There are several of the models which can be folded at the joints and go into a case about a foot long. Others do not fold but are short enough to go into a medium-sized valise, and for these special effort has been made to obtain lightweights for air travel.

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Sometimes if the old lamps could be switched around and rearranged, they would look like something again. So try rearranging lamps, before adding a new one. And if it is necessary to add to their number, then choose carefully. Does the room need a bridge lamp, a torch, another reading lamp, or just a beautiful, decorative affair, a real conversation piece?



By GRACE THORNCLIFFE

Red corduroy makes an attractive and useful lounging coat, excellent for the dormitory or for the home. For a different look the rib is used horizontally, and there is plain black velvet piping for the collar, the wrists and the slot. It is lined in quilted satin.

YOUR TINY HAT IS CHOSEN

COCKTAIL hats are the millinery fashion hit of the year. More and more women are insisting on wearing them for dining and dancing.

For cocktail parties or evening wear, the hat must be small. For evening wear, a velvet or brocade cap trimmed with jet or sequins is pretty. But go easy on the sequins.

For cocktail parties, when evening dress is not being worn, wear a close-fitting hat of velvet trimmed with a plume of feathers.

The hat in the sketch would suit most women. It is trimmed with tiny mother-of-pearl sequins, and a single black feather.

It could be easily retrimmed. It costs under £3.

Value for money

CHECKING up last week on Christmas gifts now in the shops, I find prices are still high.

But quality has greatly improved, and with few exceptions, value for money is being given.

The glove ring (see sketch) is made of copper-colored metal. The two line chains clip on to your hand.

The ring opens with a easy pin movement, and will hold a pair of kid gloves firmly.

The clip is not unsightly when empty, and should be the answer to the "lost glove" problem.

Gilt earrings sell for one guinea. They do not fasten on by means of a screw.

Neither do your ears need to be pierced.

They work on an easy hinge, which gives a firm grip each side of the lobe.

Long pearl and diamante earrings set for £2 2s.

Gilt scarves, a wasp, dragon, and butterfly, are 3s. 6d. each.

They screw into your lapel, and have no pin.

Or you can wear three of them on an ivy leaf in your button-hole.

A good buy is the ball compact (seen here) at only 2s.

Food calendar

A NEW idea is a food and wine calendar, with monthly food-tips and recipe notes, and the right wines to serve for only 10s.

For flower-lovers there are oblong or heart-shaped wicker baskets for home flower decoration.

The heart-shaped baskets are 5s. and the others 8s. to 10s.

Susan Deacon

(London Express Service)

Overcome a Hollow-Cheeked Look By Make-Up, Right Food



To make your face look fuller here's a good trick: Apply rouge under the eye, then sweep it outward toward temple, down and back to starting point.

By HELEN FOLLETT

FASHION artists of the present moment are making their paper ladies look like famine victims: cheek bones prominent, faces gaunt. This is no consolation to the girl with hollow cheeks; she would much prefer to have a normally rounded facial contour. And she finds that in make-up she has a special problem.

To apply rouge too freely, in a large pattern, directly in the centre of the cheeks is a mistake. Rouge forms a shadow and this treatment will make the hollows seem even deeper. There is a special trick used by many beauticians that helps to give an appearance of health and facial fullness.

The rouge is applied directly under the eye. Then it sweeps outward toward the temple, descends, returns to starting point, leaving a fainter spot in the centre of the cheek. Natural blushes often take this form. By leaving the centre of the cheek lighter, the hollow is not accentuated.

Excessive thinness may mean that a girl is suffering from malnutrition. That is not surprising, considering the crazy eating habits of some of our over-active young ladies. There should be a medical check up and every effort should be made to bring weight to normal. More fat, sweets and starches should be added to the diet.

Breakfast should include fruit or fruit juices, a beverage, toast or bread, a soft boiled egg or several slices of bacon. The teeth of the flakey enter the corner of the mouth, after a few weeks, she will be ready for a man-sized meal and will enjoy it.

The doctor will order a quart of milk a day, rich, creamy milk, a glass with each meal, another at bedtime. Milk is not just a beverage; it is a food, containing many elements that are necessary for well-being.

Social activities should be limited, exercise moderate, sleeping hours never less than eight.

Let's Eat

BY

IDA BAILEY ALLEN



Luxury Taste for Plain Food

"AND I used to gather filberts in New England. We called them hazelnuts. But these are much larger, and have a much improved flavour."

"Where did these filberts come from, Madame?"

"From the Northwest. You know commercial filbert-raising is a comparatively new industry. And this year there has been a record crop."

"Madame, are you familiar with the high 7-layer chocolate cake which is put together and covered all over with butter cream icing and sprinkled very thick with chopped filberts? And do you know the exquisite 6-egg torte, with grated filberts instead of sugar? And have you ever enjoyed these crisp filbert butter cookies that are so—"

"And how did you like filberts as the topping on the bread and butter pudding, Madame?"

"Very much, Chef."

Filbert Hot Bread

"And Madame, you made a very nice filbert hot bread, the whiffs of taffy. I think they would make a good dessert."

"You mean the filbert taffy whiffs. They are a good example of the way filberts can be used to make an everyday food, such as biscuits, taste like a luxury."

"I would like to say a word to our readers about toasting filberts to remove the red skin if desired. This is called a dry-blanch. No water is used. Just place the nuts in a shallow pan and toast in a very slow oven about 20 minutes, or until the skins loosen and may be rubbed off. Toasting heightens their delightful flavour."

Dinner

Beef-Mushroom Soup
Fish Fillets Hollandaise
Paprika Potatoes Tomatoes
Carrot, Green Pepper and Celery Salad
Filbert Taffy Whiffs
Coffee or Tea Milk (Children)

Include enriched bread or rolls with butter or margarine.
All Measurements Are Level Unless Otherwise Stated.
Beef-Mushroom Soup
Wash and peel 10 medium-sized beets. Then put through

NEW LAMPS BRIGHTEN UP A ROOM

By ELEANOR ROSS

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Lamps should follow the trend of the room decor to a certain degree. Certainly fluffy shades, and delicate bases are out of place in a room of the rugged type or one with very modern furniture and appointments. And, by the same token, some of the latest lamps are stark, modern jobs, metal tripods or satiny brass rods, that would be completely out of place except in a really simple, modern interior.

Welcome Back



At the welcome-back to England are seen the ballet party: Margot Fonteyn in feather helmet and Moira, "Red Shoes" Shearer.

(London Express Service)

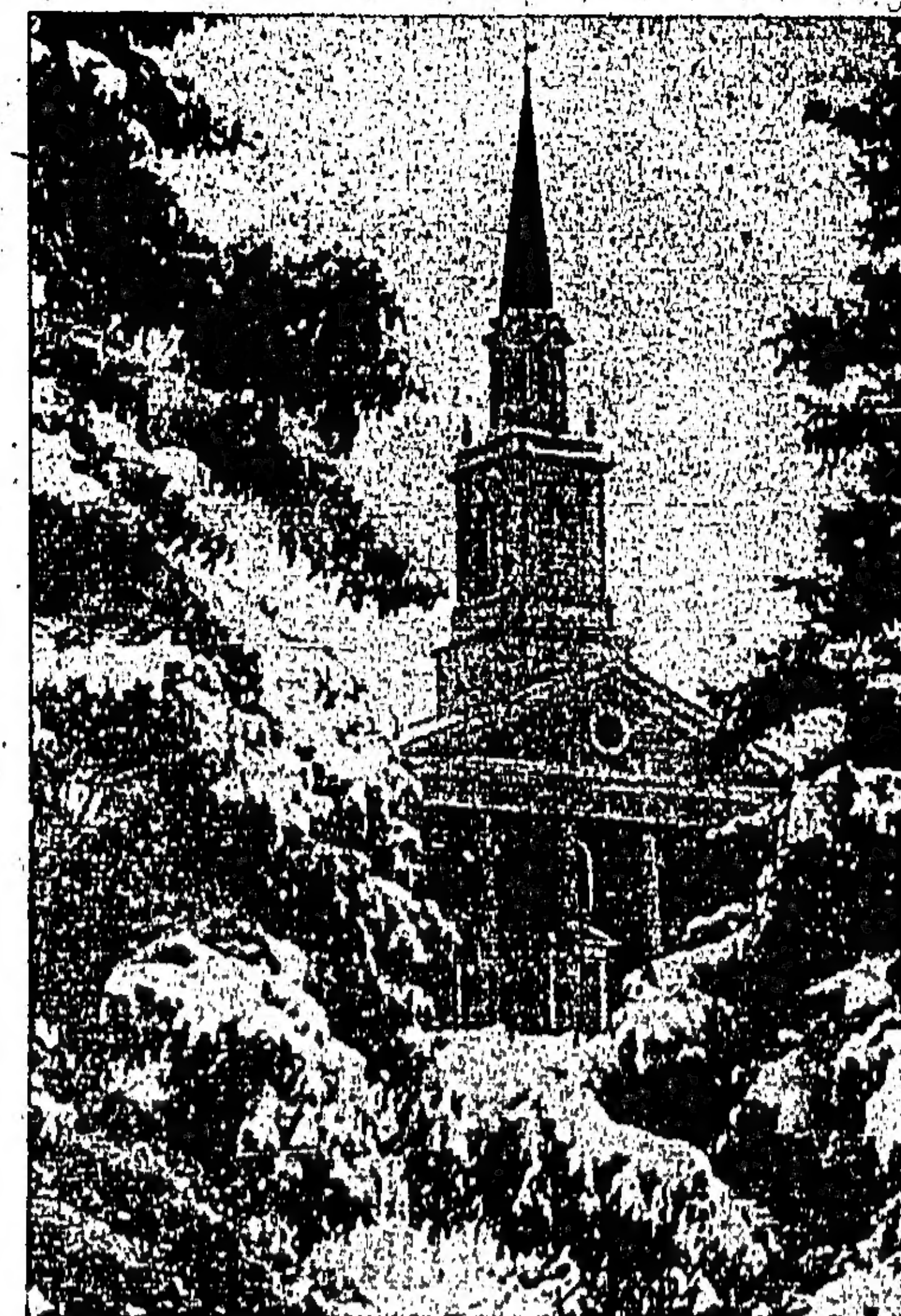
PICTORIAL NEWSFRONT



IN CELEBRATION—Schoolchildren in Havana, Cuba, observe the 430th birthday of the city by visiting the historic Temple, built on the site of the first Mass held in Cuba. Usually open only on Columbus Day, the Temple was also visited on this exceptional occasion.



FEARFUL VIGIL—Villagers living on the slopes of Mount Etna, near Catania, Sicily, watch huge columns of smoke rise from the crater as the volcano erupts for the second time since the war. Crops and vineyards were damaged by streams of hot lava and ashes which poured down from the mountain.



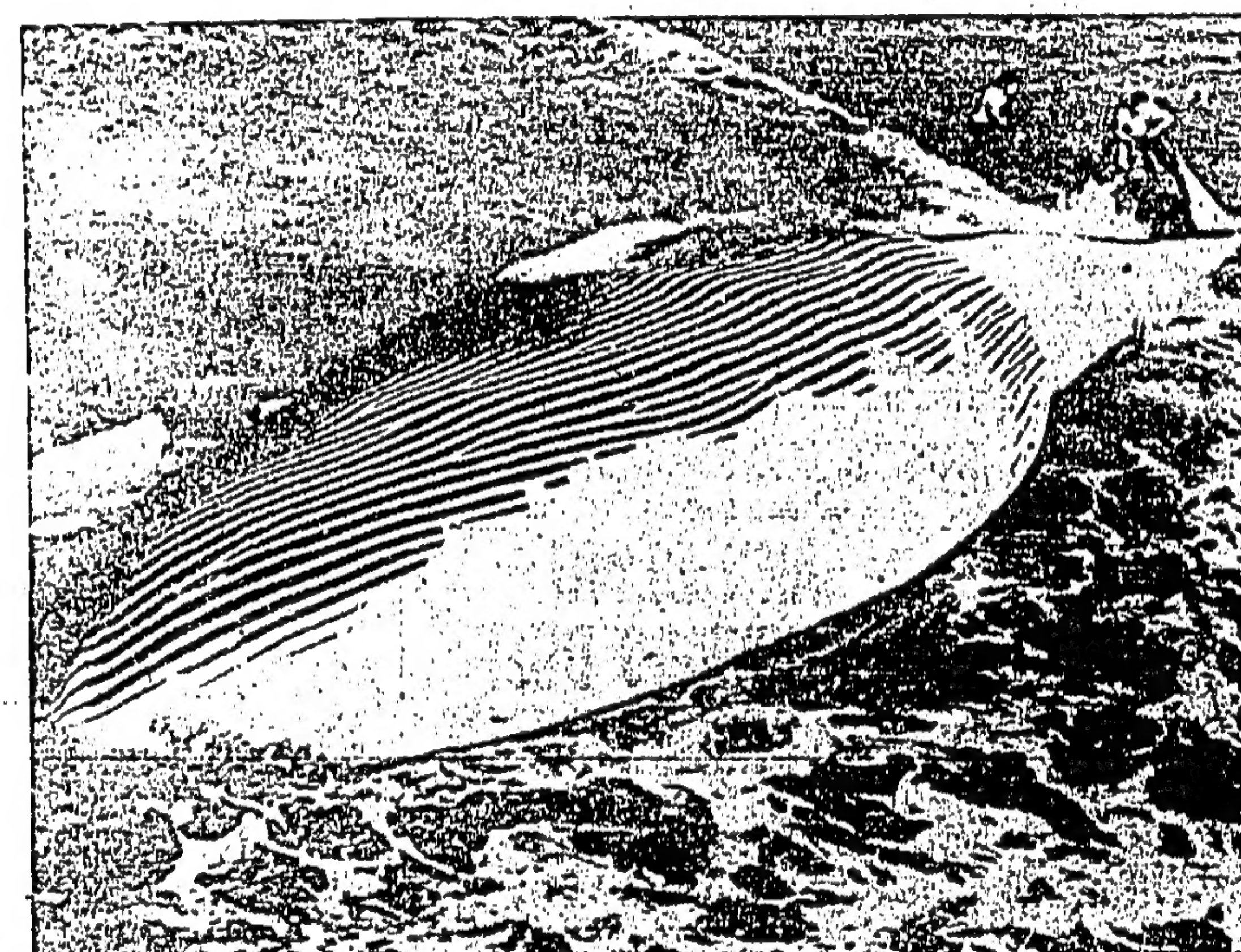
WINTER WONDERLAND—This is a Christmas-card view of Mead Memorial Chapel at Middlebury College, in Vermont. Three pre-winter snowfalls have given the campus its earliest snow cover in postwar years, arraying it for the holidays.



THREE LOVELIES—When three such gorgeous gals display their charms, they manage to keep the honours evenly divided. Chorus girls (left to right) Joe Ames, Pat Terry and Marie Roe keep their dancing figures by taking a daily swim under the desert at Las Vegas, Nevada.



CLOSE TO CAPTURE—Londoners being unexpectedly entertained by Joan, the Barbary ape who escaped from the Regent's Park Zoo. Joan enjoyed three days of city sightseeing before she was captured near the Ministry of Supply Office and returned to her cage.



UNWELCOME GUEST—When this dead whale was washed ashore at Fire Island, New York, the Coast Guard was called to attach a hawser to the huge blob of blubber and haul it away.



KILLED ON THE RUN—John William Heid of Indianapolis, Indiana, met his death after he had abandoned his stalled truck on the tracks before an oncoming train. Heid was only a few feet from safety when the train hit the truck and threw it against him.



ARMFUL—Film Star Robert Mitchum looks like any weary Christmas shopper as he holds some of his Yuletide gifts in Hollywood.



HOME COMING—When their dog, Laddie, got lost, it was a sad time for Jeffrey Willis, two, left, and his brother Charles, four, of Roslyn Heights, New York. But they received a notice from a dog shelter that their pet had been found, and Laddie's welcome home made it a joyous occasion for the entire family.



PERFECT—At a dental meeting held in New York, actress Barbara Hale was voted as a glamorous example of perfect dental care. She looks like a good choice.



WATCH ON THE RHINE—With colours snapping in a brisk wind, a U.S. Navy patrol craft covers its beat on the Rhine River, in Germany. The patrol was set in February, 1949, to aid navigation on the river.

RECORD BREAKERS



Three who finished in record time in the annual Kowloon Harriers' Road Race on New Year's Day morning are caught by the camera above. Wong Ching-ling (top), the Chinese Olympic Games runner, won in 35 minutes 10 seconds.

2/Lt. E. Downer (middle), of Southampton Athletic Club and now in the RASC, was second in 36 minutes 8 seconds.

Pte. H. Inskip, of RAMC, was third in 36 minutes 32 seconds.

The old record was 38 minutes 42.2 seconds. Over a 7 1/4 mile course, the first three averaged a mile in under 5 minutes, which is sensational going by Hong-kong standards where mile races are rarely won under five minutes.

A noteworthy point was the fact that Army's Small Units placed four men in the first ten. Pte. F. H. Newton of the RAMC was seventh, and Cpl. Terence Moynan of the Royal Signals was 10th.—Photos by Telegraph Staff Photographer.

TEST MATCH

Australians Declare At 526 For 7

Capetown, Jan. 2.—Australia declared their first innings at 526 for seven wickets against South Africa on the second day of the second cricket Test here.

By-close of play, South Africa were 169 for three wickets in their first innings.

Mainly due to a brilliant innings by young Neil Harvey, the Australians today added 214 runs for the loss of three more wickets to the overnight score of 312 for four before declaring an hour after lunch. Harvey reached his century in 2 1/2 hours before lunch and went on to score 178 before being dismissed. It was his highest innings in a Test match, his previous best being 153 against India in 1948. He has now scored Test centuries against England, India and South Africa.—Reuter.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE SOCCER

London Jan. 2.—The following were the results of football matches played today.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE "A"

Celtic	1	Rangers	1
Dundee	1	Aberdeen	1
East Fife	3	Raith R.	0
Falkirk	1	Stirling	1
Hibernian	1	Hearts	2
Partick	1	Clyde	0
St. Mirren	1	Motherwell	1
Third Lanark	2	Queen's P.	1

SCOTTISH LEAGUE "B"

Aberdeen	4	Athol Rangers	1
Alton Athl.	1	Stenhouse	3
Dunbarton	1	Queen's Park	3
Dunfermline	1	Cowdenbeath	0
Forfar	3	Arbroath	1
Hamilton A.C.	0	Morton	2
Kilmarnock	4	Ayr	0
St. Johnstone	3	Dundee U.	0

THIRD DIVISION (NORTHERN)

Gateshead	2	Hartlepool	0
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Reuter.

Egypt To Bid For Olympics

Cairo Jan. 2.—Egypt plans to bid for the 1960 Olympic Games.

Abdel Khalek Hassouna Pasha, the Egyptian Minister of Social Affairs, announced this at a ceremony in which the foundation stone was laid for a huge new stadium.

The stadium will cover 85 acres in the Northwestern district of Cairo. It is to have complete installation for Olympic sports and will seat 100,000. Plans also are under way for an Olympic swimming pool, with a 10,000 seating capacity.

The pool will be adjacent to the stadium. Special equipment will make it possible to transform the pool into a basketball court when desired. Associated Press.

Indian Tennis Championship

Allahabad, Jan. 2.—Philippe Washer, the Belgian International, beat A. Weiss, of Israel, 6-3, 7-5 in the first round of the Men's Singles when the Indian National Lawn Tennis Championships opened here today.

Pedro Masip, the Spanish No. 1, beat Rajen Buerli, of India, 6-2 and 6-0 but the other Spanish competitor, Jaime Burtoli, was beaten 6-2 and 6-3 by R. Deyro, of the Philippines.

M. Branovic, the Yugoslav, beat C. Spychala, self-exiled Pole, 6-4 and 6-3. Other first round winners included Feliciano Ampon, the Philippines Champion, Heraldo Weiss, of Argentina, and Geoff Palsch, of Britain.—Reuter.

Rugby Results

London, Jan. 2.—The following were the results of rugby games played today.

RUGBY LEAGUE
Hallifax 20, Leeds 0.
Leigh 12, Hunslet 2.
Liverpool Stanley 10, Whitehaven 6.
Oldham 4, Rochdale Hornets 0.

Salford 2, Swinton 2.
St. Helen's 30, Hull 0.
Wigan 18, Batley 9.
Workington Town 10, Barrow 8.

RUGBY UNION
Rosslyn Park 11, Fettesian Loretians 6.
Birkenhead Park 3, Waterloo 6.
Sale 20, Manchester 3.—Reuter.

Jack Holden In Record Form

Newcastle, Northumberland, Jan. 2.—Jack Holden, the British Marathon Champion, broke his own record in winning the Morpeth-Newcastle road race over 13 1/4 miles today in 1 hr. 11 mins. 24 1/2 secs.

Holden, who is flying to New Zealand shortly for the Empire Games, bested his record by 1 min. 6 secs.—Reuter.

KOWLOON BOWL CLASSIC



The Committee & Scribes and the Belles in a non-competitive moment in the annual New Year's Day Kowloon Bowl Classic. The Belles proved they played better softball by winning handily 16-8.—Telegraph Staff Photographer.

TOO DANGEROUS

AUTO-RACING EXCEEDS ITS OWN CLAIMS

SAYS CORNELIUS RYAN

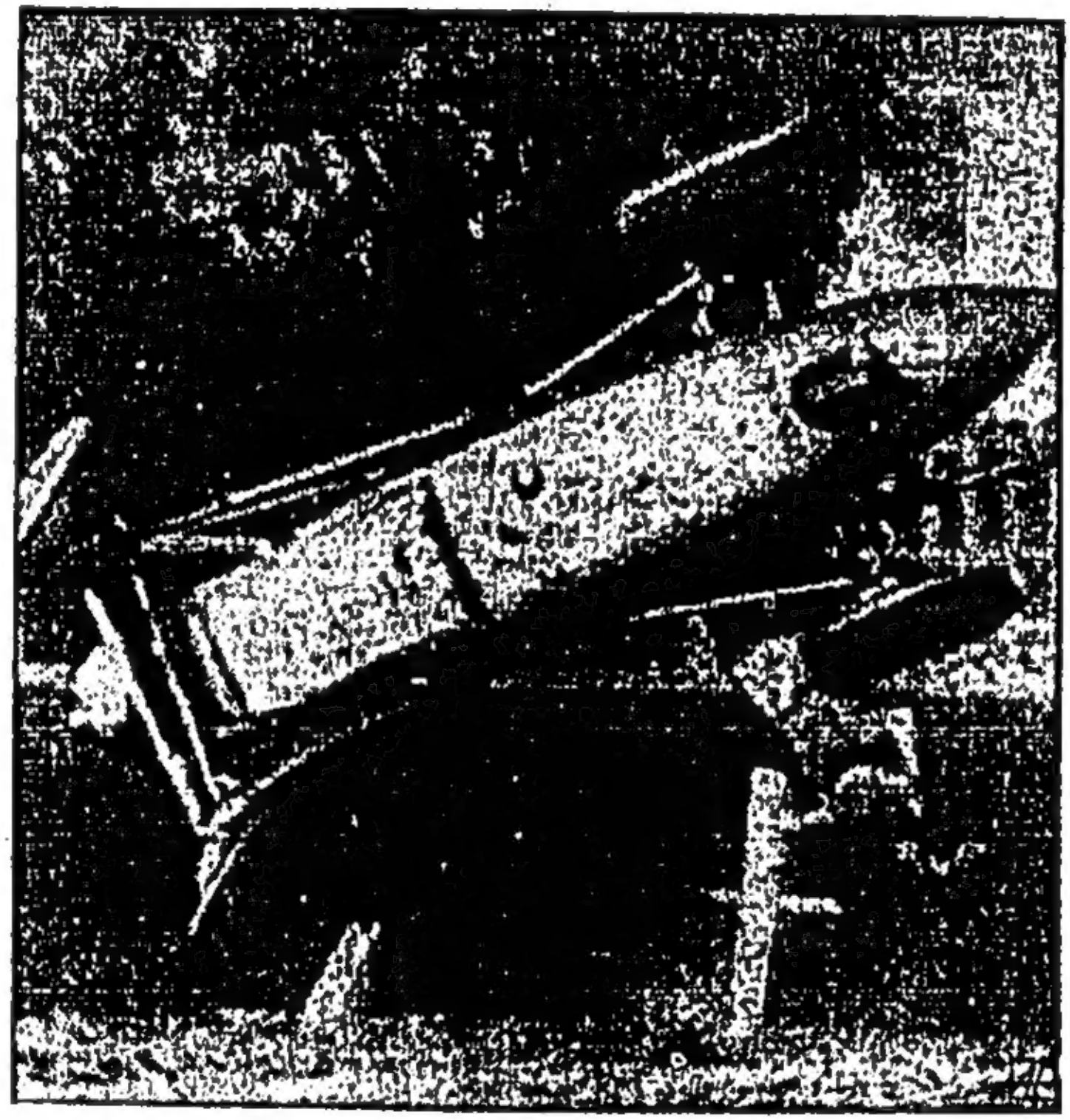
Auto-racing, which likes to advertise itself as "the most exciting and dangerous of sports," now is worried because it has exceeded its own claims—it is now almost too dangerous.

There have been 22 deaths of drivers in the USA in the past seven months, including the tragic ends of two of the sport's most famous competitors, Howard William Whitmer and Rex Mays. Whitmer was the 1948 USA Big-Car Champion, and Mays was the American Automobile Association Champion in 1940 and 1941.

These deaths, added to two stunning tragedies in foreign lands in which racing cars went out of control and killed spectators, have hurt racing, but, unlike boxing, there has been no organised effort to outlaw racing.

The Del Mar track, where Mays met death, decided that it never again would rent its facilities to amateur promoters.

A "hot rod" is a stock car with fenders taken off and its motor adjusted for greater speed. Thus it can be seen that even the experienced big-car racers are no safer than the "hot rod" daredevils, most of whom are in their teens.—United Press.



Rex Mays, one of the world's leading automobile drivers, hurtles to his death during the 100-mile auto race at Del Mar, California, on November 6. His car is whirling through the air, throwing him on to the track where another car struck him.—AP Picture.

LITTLE THAT CAN BE DONE

Racing officials admitted that there is little that can be done about the death toll. Just about all possible safety measures already have been promulgated, but auto-racing is dangerous by its very nature, and death usually is the result of even a slight mistake.

"It seems impossible that something like that could have happened to as fine a driver as Rex Mays," said Wilbur Shaw after Mays' death. Shaw, president of the Indianapolis Speedway which promotes the annual 500-mile race, is a former driver.

EVENLY DIVIDED

The seven-month toll was fairly evenly divided among the classes of racers: there were 12 big-car fatalities, four "hot rod" deaths, three stock car deaths and three mid-level racer drivers were killed.

This is about the ratio that it should be in relation to the number of drivers in each class.

SNOOKER

Joe Davis Leads Sidney Smith 8-4

London, Jan. 2.—While Peter Mans, of South Africa, and George Chenier, of Canada, were opening their quarter-final match of 71 frames in the World Snooker Championship at Scunthorpe, Lincolnshire, today, Joe Davis and Sidney Smith were meeting in a key match of the News of the World £1,500 tournament in London.

Smith received 20 points in each of the 37 frames but he won only one of the six played during the afternoon session when the scores in Davis' favour were 69 to 55, 81 to 60, 60 to 77, 69 to 60, 88 to 38 and 28 to 92.

Chenier led Mans by four frames to two at the end of the first session of their match after a good deal of safe play from both men. The scores were (Chenier first) 71 to 44, 81 to 61, 21 to 77, 63 to 50, 84 to 6 and 72 to 35.

Chenier also won the evening session by four frames to two and so led at the close of the first day's play by eight frames to four. The evening scores (Chenier first) were 60 to 67, 88 to 14, 91 to 27, 70 to 38, 28 to 81 and 88 to 33.

Both Davis and Smith won three frames during the evening session of their tournament match for Davis to lead by eight frames to four at the end of the day's play.

The scores (with Davis first) were 130 to 20, 92 to 53, 60 to 106, 83 to 46, 63 to 75 and 38 to 110.—Reuter.

GOALKEEPER AT WORK—No. 1

Keep off the Bike

By BERT WILLIAMS

(England and Wolves goalkeeper)

So you want to be a goalkeeper? Well, there are two schools of thought on the subject. One, that goalkeepers are born not made. The other, that any half-wit can do the job with distinction. I agree with neither.

Goalkeeping is a combination of art and science, but there is one great essential before we touch on those subjects—physical fitness.

The average fan has an idea that height and weight are the first essentials of good goalkeeping. It is pure fallacy. The ability to reach and catch high balls is useful, but perfection can't be reached without absolute physical fitness.

So training is the first item. Sprinting to develop agility and strong calf muscles, muscles to withstand that quick leap from a standing position.

Bending, with the legs straight and the hands flat in the floor, is a good exercise to prepare for the quick bend to pick up the ball when it is rolling along the ground.

Trunk bending from side to side gives that extra bit of tone to the muscles so necessary when stretching your hands for the ball when your body is not behind them.

Exercises which call for co-ordination of body and mind are vitally important. In fact, mental training is as important to a goalkeeper as the physical side.

By mental training I mean the study of positional play and its relation to angles you will adopt under certain circumstances—when a player is coming in from the wing, or when an inside forward is racing towards goal from any of a dozen slightly different directions.

Do these exercises regularly and you'll have the suppleness necessary to the good goalkeeper.

One big don't—swelling. I find it leaves me with heaviness in the legs. That's a bad thing.

BIG DECISION

Let's take it you are completely fit. Now consider the big decision every goalkeeper has to make several times in each game—when to come out of goal.

Come out at the right moment and the fans will love you, the Press praise you. Come out at the wrong moment and the criticism will pour on you. So here are a few tips that I find helpful.

Understanding with your backs and centre half is the first essential. Tell them how you'll let them know you are O.K. or otherwise.

If I am coming out I shout loudly to indicate I have the ball covered—"My ball, Bill," or "Back, Bill," as the case may be.

Notice I mentioned the player by name. Failure to do that can result in the goalkeeper



BERT WILLIAMS . . . fit and agile.

being penalised. He might be shouting to fool an attacker, and that's an offence.

This type of "coming out" is in order when the ball is on the floor running towards goal or in the possession of a defender.

Now for a warning. Never pick up the ball while on one knee. I've seen goalkeepers do it, and it's dangerous.

I always endeavour to keep my feet together, my legs straight, and bend down to pick up the ball. That's where suppleness comes in.

So often I've seen a ball hit a bump and go sailing over the head of an on-knee goalkeeper, or go whizzing between his legs. No, keep your knees together and your legs straight.

(—London Express Service)

New Golf Ball To Be Cheaper Than Best Prewar Type

London, Jan. 2.—News that a golf ball is to be marketed "in millions" at a price cheaper than the best prewar type will be glad New Year tidings to golfers everywhere.

A Birmingham firm has announced that new machinery has been installed and that manufacture will start almost at once. The price, including the purchase tax, will be 2/3d. and officials of the firm say that the purpose of the ball is to encourage larger numbers to play including those members of the younger school who find present day golf too expensive.

2 6 THE BEST

Golf balls in prewar days cost 2/6d for a first-class ball. There was one which manufacturers claimed to be longer in flight and more durable which cost a few coppers more. First-class repainted and reconditioned balls were in the neighbour-

hood of one shilling or 1/6d., and this was within the means of golfers.

Of late years, however, golf balls have soared to 3/6d. and even then have been in short supply. Those who know how easy it is to lose a ball in the rough or in lakes, that extra on some courses have found the expense a big handicap and many players have had to cut down their play while youngsters have not been encouraged to take up golf in view of the cost.

There is no reason why this cheaper ball should not be as good, as far as wear and tear, apart from carrying powers, is concerned for research into the matter has not been idle since the war.

Large numbers of the new ball will be for export to dollar areas but there is every con-

science that large supplies will be available for other places as well as for British golfers.—Reuter.

FOOTBALLERS LEAVE FOR MANILA

The Hongkong Football team left by PAL plane yesterday afternoon for Manila to play two matches there during a four-day stay.

Among those who were with the team were Mr John Skinner, chairman of the Hongkong Football Association, Yue Yiu-tak, Hau Yung-sang, Tse Kam-hung, Lau Chung-sang, Kwok Ying-kee, Yue Cheuk-yin, Chang Kam-ho, Ho Ying-fun, Tang Yee-kit, Chau Man-chi, Li Tai-fai, Tam Kwan-kon, Arthur G. Santos, A. Roberts, Nien Szo-shing and Tennel.

MANILA BEATEN

Manila, Jan. 2.—The famous Barcelona football club, Deportivo Espanol, won an easy 7-2 victory over an all-Manila selection last night in the opening contest of a three games series here. Barcelona will play the Hongkong team on Tuesday night and Thursday night.

Inside right Antonio Segarra scored three goals for the smooth-passing Barcelona team and his teammate Diego Castella scored two. Centre-forward Alberto Larrazabal scored both of Manila's goals.

Manila made a contest of it for a few minutes in the first half but was outclassed in the long run. The score at half time was 4-1 for Barcelona.—United Press.

Swiss Beat Dutch At Basketball

Nice, Jan. 2.—Switzerland beat Holland 66 to 30 in the first match of the International Basketball tournament here today after leading 27 to 10 at half time.

The tournament counts for the World Championship. In a women's friendly match which preceded, Italy beat France by 21 to 18 after leading 11 to seven at half time.

The Yugoslav team is now staying at a different hotel from the other competitors after an incident on Saturday, in which the Yugoslav Government delegation in charge of the team declared that in no circumstances would they stay under the same roof as the Spanish team.—Reuter.

'No' To Three Important Transfer Requests

Three top-class footballers—two of them internationals—want to leave their clubs. All have been refused their transfers—two of them by London clubs.

Best-known of the men to Londoners is Reg Allen, Queen's Park Rangers' goalkeeper, whose request to be put on the list was confirmed by the club manager, Mr Dave Mangnall.

"The club are not prepared to let him go," he said. "If it is a job and a future that Allen is worried about then we have not the slightest objection to his finding suitable work provided he is able to put in sufficient training on our ground."

HANCOCKS, TOO
Three Wolverhampton players are expected to ask for transfers. One of them is Johnny Hancocks, the international winger. Manager Stan Cullis said:

"Hancocks recently asked me to play him at outside-left. I refused and he asked to be put on the transfer list. He saw the club chairman, Mr J. S. Baker, and again his request was refused. We are not going to put him up for transfer."

Hancocks, who was dropped to Wolves' Reserve team, is normally the first-team outside-right.

AND BILLY REES
Thirdly, Mr Arthur Rowe, Tottenham manager, said that the transfer request of Billy Rees, the Welsh international forward, will not be granted. Rees was injured at practice before the season, and has not been able to find a place since. "We have every sympathy with the player's position," said Mr Rowe, "but we cannot think

of a transfer unless we can adequately replace him before we part with him. He may yet help us towards promotion."

Comment: The transfer system, with the buying and for enormous sums, is iniquitous and indefensible. It makes players restless. But the fact remains that contracts are for a year, and as the player is given security for that period so ought the club to be.

Mister Conquest



BUCKEYES WIN ROSE BOWL CLASSIC

Results in the New Year's day American football Bowl classics were:
Rose Bowl: Ohio State 17, California 14.
Sun Bowl: Texas Western 33, Georgetown 20.
Orange Bowl: Santa Clara 21, Kentucky 13.
Sugar Bowl: Oklahoma 38, Louisiana State 0.—United Press & Associated Press.

